

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Tuesday: Slimming World
10.00-11.00am & 6.30-7.30pm
(Michelle 07940181515)
Country Night 7.30pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1pm
Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30pm
Zumba 6.30-7.30pm (£3)

Function room for hire Friday,
Saturday and noon Sunday. Provide
your own catering or ask for a quote.

All enquiries contact:
Jacqui on 0151-489-9024

St Agnes' Parish Centre

New Memberships available

Mon/Tues—Darts Night

Thursday—Pensioners Club, 1pm-
3pm tea and coffee Bingo/Raffle
Bingo 7:30pm

Saturday evening—live entertainment
in the lounge

Sunday—Country & Western night.

The Concert /Function room is
available for hire on Friday & Saturday
evenings, weekday afternoons &
Sunday afternoons.

All enquiries contact:
Justyna on 0151-489-3990
07757594951

Discovering God's plan for you!

Are you aged 13-21 and thinking about the priesthood?

On **Sunday 6th May** the Vocations Team will be holding its monthly discernment meeting at St Mary's Lowe House, St Helens. The meeting begins at 5pm, and after the meeting we go into Church for the monthly Youth Alive Mass. This meeting is aimed at young men aged between 13-21. The group allows young men to pray, socialize and learn more about the vocation of the priesthood. If you would like to attend this event or would like more information then please contact Father James Preston on 0151 489 1296.



The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 29nd April 2012
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
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Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

*Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world
and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.*



Prayer Requests

For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers

Dougie & May Hayhurst, Sue Johnson, Margaret Maguire, Bill Hall,
 John Hunter, Paul Roberts, John Roberts, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols,
 Daisy May, Claire Bruder, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Phil Murray, Craig Wilson,
 Pauline Campbell, Kathleen Ross, Bill Browne, Christine Bell, Tricia Robinson,
 Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, Gerard Taylor, May Cooper,
 Marie Keights, Ann Paterson, Ian Gordon, Marie Mills, Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley,
 Anne Maguire, Mrs. Symonds, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie,
 Shirley Wozencroft, Michael Williams, June Hunt, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason,
 Brenda Cubells, Rose Saunders, John Pollard, Lily O'Neill, Dean Easton,
 Lawrence McClintock, Albert Wilson, Nicky Allen, Bill Jones, Christopher Massam,
 Jim Phillips, Joe Muraski, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann.
 Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Anne Nolan Pauline Burgess,
 Joan Monaghan, James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy, Jean Brailsford, Thomas Clegg,
 Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Baby Aidan James Morris, Lynn McNabb,
 Claire Waldron, Jim Rose, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes,
 Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Ann Jones, Mary Organ,
 Josie Campbell, Jack & Winnie Witter, Peggy Skidmore, Fr. Jim Webb, Nel Jordan.
 Baby Eddie Anthony Doran., Emma Davies, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons,
 Maria Edge, Mary Fullerton, Rose Rawlinson, Rose Oscroft, Josie & John Mulcahey,
 Karan McGurk, Averyll Fairfield,

We also remember all those mentioned in St. Aidan's Prayer Diary.

There are a number of young adults in our parishes who are terminally ill at the moment. Please remember them and their families specially in your prayers.

Lately Dead

Wayne Carmichael., Neta Lang, John (Sean) Creedon,

Anniversaries

Irene Davies, Edward Cannon,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 29th April

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp—Parishioners of St Agnes

St. Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp—Bill Browne

Please ensure that details of your dedication are written on the front of the envelope and placed in the black post box in the Sacristy.

Please enter your Gift Aid Number if you have one



April Meeting of the Huyton Pastoral Area Working Group (PAWG)

As part of the plan of meeting in different parishes, St Albert's hosted the meeting of the Huyton Pastoral Area working group (PAWG) on Monday 16th April.

Each parish reported on what had been happening over the past month or so. By all accounts the Holy week and Easter services went well in the different churches of the pastoral area. In some parishes marriage preparation courses have been running as well as preparations for confirmations.

Some 30 people from different parishes took part in the raining day for new Eucharistic ministers on April 21st at St Columba's. This is a good example of how our parishes can share resources and work together.

The PAWG is planning a day together June to share ideas on what could be a realistic pastoral plan for the whole area.

- Fr. Chris McCoy

Joint Parish Youth Club

The youth group is for those of secondary school age and meets on Thursday evenings in the Sr. Elizabeth meeting room at St. Agnes' church. Entrance is 50p and there are refreshments available to purchase. Please join us!



Suggestion Boxes

There are suggestion boxes at the back of St. Agnes' church (by the statue of St. Agnes) and in the foyer of St. Aidan's church. If you have any suggestions, comments or feedback, please feel free to put them in the box.



Baptism Certificates

If you need a copy of a baptism certificate, please remember to give the office a couple of days notice. You will receive a phone call when it is ready and we would be grateful if you could collect it promptly. There are lots of certificates waiting to be collected!



Trusting Followers

One image that this Gospel conjures up is that of a flock of dumb animals who mindlessly follow after whoever herds them. For obvious reasons, some people find this image difficult but the metaphor falters when we notice that the Gospel emphasizes the intimate knowledge the sheep have of the shepherd and vice versa. In biblical parlance, “to know” another often refers to intimacy. Moreover, the intimacy between Jesus and “his own” replicates the relationship he has with the Father. It is an intimacy that is expressed ultimately in loving self-surrender, even unto death.

There is a kind of domino effect in John’s Gospel. First, God pours out the divine self in love through the gift of the Word made flesh, self-surrender that is replicated in Jesus’ gift of self for his own. This same action is what is asked of his followers, most especially those in leadership. The image of shepherd is used a number of times in the Scriptures for a leader of the people. God is Shepherd of Israel. Moses and David were both shepherd before being called to lead Israel.

When Israel’s leaders were not tending to the needs of the people, they were denounced for being absent and stupid shepherds, who scattered the flock. By contrast, Jesus is the “model” (*kalos*, “good”, “beautiful”, exemplary”) shepherd, who gathers all together into one, giving his very life for his own. We replicate this kind of shepherding not by actively seeking suffering but by putting love at the centre: God’s love visible in Jesus, Jesus’ love manifest in us. It is a love that is freely chosen by an empowered self, with a willingness to go to calamities’ depths if necessary. This requires not blind following but intimate knowledge of the model shepherd and the free choice to continue his work of gathering all the disparate into one.

Praying with Scripture

- How does intimacy with Christ the Good Shepherd empower you to replicate his loving self-surrender for “his own”?
- What image conveys in our culture what “shepherd” is in Jesus’ culture? Spend some time in prayer with that image.

- Adapted from Barbara E. Reid

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th April

St Agnes -Mass 5.30pm– Irene Davies

Sunday 29th April Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day Of Prayer for Vocations)

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am– Norman Garlick

St.Agnes Mass 11 am– Florence Russell

Monday 30th April

St Agnes 9.30am Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 1st May

School Mass 9.15(at St. Joseph School) Celebration of St Joseph’s Feast Day

Wednesday 2nd May

St.Agnes Mass 7.30pm– Jimmy Hynes & McGuinness Family

Thursday 3rd May—Feast of St Philip & St James

St Agnes Mass 9.30am - Shay Heston

Friday 4th May –Feast of The English Martyrs

St Agnes Requiem Mass 11.45—John Creedon

Saturday 5th May—Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm— Walter Savage

Sunday 6th May

St Aidan Mass 9.30am—Elizabeth & Norman Garlick

St Agnes Mass 11am— Kit Kelly

Confessions

Saturday at St. Agnes 5-5.20 pm & Friday after 12 Noon Mass at St Aidan’s

(Until there is nobody waiting)

Please Note

All Mass Intentions have been filled until August 2012 for St.Agnes and late June for St. Aidan.

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

Main Parish Office:
St Aidan's
92 Adswood Road
L36 7XR

Office Hours: Monday 9am-4pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 9.00am—12.30pm

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

All Enquiries to

Tel/Fax : 0151 489 3085

St Agnes Church
82 Huyton Hey Road
L36 5SQ

For Mass Cards etc

Hours: Friday - 1pm — 4 pm
(Church no- 0151 449 2209)

Also available from St Aidan's
Church
489-3085

**Newsletter items by Thursday
morning to Main Parish Office**

New Email Address:
agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

For your information

**Parish Newsletters are posted on
Parish Website every week.**

Parish Web Site-
Parishes-of-stagnes-
staidans.org.uk

PARISH CONTACTS



SISTERS:

Helpers of the Holy Souls

Sr. Elizabeth - 0151 480 7904

Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Sr. Barbara –228-2239

Sr. Gabriel-489-1302

Sr. Sarah-489-1302

Primary Schools

St. Aidan

0151 477 8370

St. Joseph

0151 489 4072

St. Anne's

0151 477 8260

Parish Clergy

Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489-3085

Deacon-Mike Whelan

Pastoral Assistant-

Claire Ball 07899 937948

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Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Regarding the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes we wish to confirm the following:

Depart Manchester Friday 21 Sep 13.40(1.40pm) Depart Toulouse (France) Tuesday 25th Sep 13.05(1.05pm) – five days inclusive. Total cost (based on two or more people sharing) £519- Single room supplement £25 per person per night. This is on a full board basis staying at 3*La Solitude Hotel- 2mts walk from the Shrine.

Deposit £150 to be paid by cheque no later than 12 noon on Monday 30th April 2012. **Please include a photocopy of the picture page in your passport with your deposit. This is essential to confirm your booking.**

Please make cheques payable to St. Aidan's Parish. Balance must be paid on or before Wednesday 4th July .You must also make sure you have a European Health Card for this trip.

Travel insurance £19 for passengers up to 85 years; please note that an additional insurance premium of £19 is charged for persons aged 86 to 94 years.

There are still a few places available for anyone who may be interested in joining us. For further information please contact the Parish office (0151-4893085).

St Agnes Little Church **Helpers**

There will be short meeting on Tuesday 8th May at 7pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Meeting Room to discuss the latest CRB criteria and any other issues. Please try to come along

Thank you

Thank You



Thank you to all those who helped organise the 'We Can Make A Difference' fundraiser last Friday in St Agnes Club.

It was a great night and good fun all around. The total raised was **£902** which I think you will all agree is a very generous amount.

Thank you for your support.

St. Agnes' Nursery...

...at St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

Was your child born between 01/09/08 and 31/08/09? Would you like high quality nursery education for her/ him?

Places are now being allocated for September 2012.

Application forms are available at the back of both Church, the Parish Office (92 Adswood Road) The Old School House (St Johns Road) and St. Anne's School, (Marina Crescent).



Confirmations

If you, or someone in your family is in year 8 or 9 and would like to be confirmed, please collect a 'Request for Confirmation' form from the back of church. This should be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible. Bishop Malone will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on 28th June in St. Agnes'. Arrangements for younger children will be made in 2013.

St. Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 29th April
Janice Shields
Sunday 6th May
Children's Mass



Parish Collections

Sunday 22nd April 2012

St. Agnes £ 831.72

St. Aidan £ 374.53

Standing Orders: March 2012

St. Agnes £985.00

St Aidan £238.00

St. Agnes' team to count:

This week team 3

Thank you for your generous support.

Mass Cards

We now have a range of Mass cards available specifically for St. Agnes and St. Aidan's parishes. Our thanks go to Sr. Margaret for her beautiful designs. The cards can be admired and purchased in the Piety Stall at both St. Aidan's and St. Agnes.

Rosary at St. Aidan's

The Rosary will be prayed on the 1st Sunday of the month at 4pm in St. Aidan's. All are welcome.



Baptism



St. Aidan's Baptism

Preparation:

2nd Monday of the month in
St. Aidan's church at 6:30pm

St. Aidan's Baptisms:

3rd Sunday at 10:30am

4th Saturday at 12 noon

St. Agnes' Baptism Preparation:

1st Tuesday of the month in
St. Agnes' church at 7:30pm

St. Agnes' Baptisms:

1st Sunday at 12:30pm

2nd Sunday at 2pm

If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office on 489 3085 and you will be booked into a preparation meeting.

facebook

There is a Facebook group for our parishes at: 'Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan'. Please 'like' the group to access information and photos from the parishes. Photos from Easter and Holy Week are now there.

If you do not want your child to appear in any of these photos, please contact the office.

Cursillo in Christianity

" Understanding your Faith "

Cursillo is a Spanish word that simply means short course

Would you like to have an encounter with Jesus.

Get to know Jesus in others and yourself.

You would be warmly welcome to join us at Loyola hall

for a three Day residential weekend May 4th - 7th.

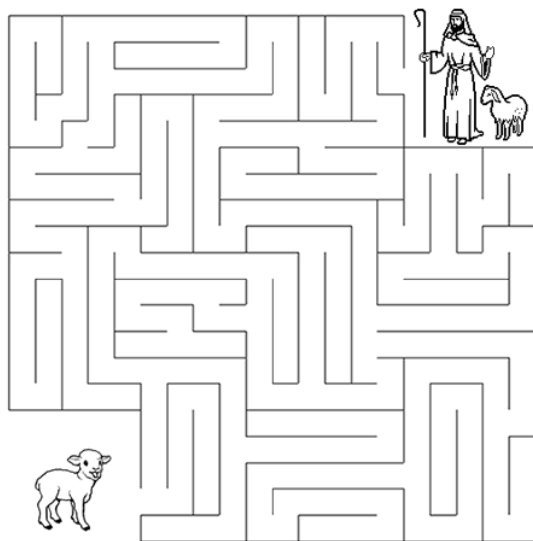
Cursillos in Christianity is with the Blessing and approval of the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church.

For further information please contact:

Joanne Morris - 0151 289 6610 or Ann Pearson - 01925 634632

The Good Shepherd

In today's Gospel, Jesus is not really talking about sheep, but about you and I. We are his 'sheep.'. He loves us, takes care of us and makes sure we have everything we need. He was even willing to give up his life for us so that we will be able to live with him in heaven.



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LISTEN	SHEEP	LOVES	WOLF	FLOCK
ATTACKS	CARES	PEN	GOOD	RUNS
SCATTERS	VOICE	SHEPHERD	LIFE	KNOW

Missing Parishioners...

If you have noticed somebody missing from Mass for a period of time, please let the office know. Sr. Margaret has designed a card to send out to people, telling them that they are missed and inviting them back. People stop coming to church for all sorts of reasons and it is nice for them to know that the community is thinking of them and praying for them.

Quiet During Services

It is a strength of our parish communities that we are friendly and welcoming. We do need to be aware however that during the Mass, we are in the presence of Christ in a special way. Please help us to create a quiet, respectful, and prayerful atmosphere during services in both churches.

"Be Still and know that I am God"



Catholic People's Weeks

CPW

Some of our events are for people of all ages – families with children, as well as people (of any age) without children. Others are for those aged 18 and over. Whichever you choose, you'll find food for thought, fun and friends.

In 2012, there are eleven events, varying between 2 and 7 days, on a range of themes. All our events – whether weekend, long weekend or week-long – offer the revitalising mixture of engaging talks and activities, prayer and socialising, in a community setting, that makes CPW so much valued by its members.

Eucharistic Ministers

Could Eucharistic ministers who visit people in their own homes please let the office have a list of names and addresses of the people you visit. We need this for our records. Many thanks.